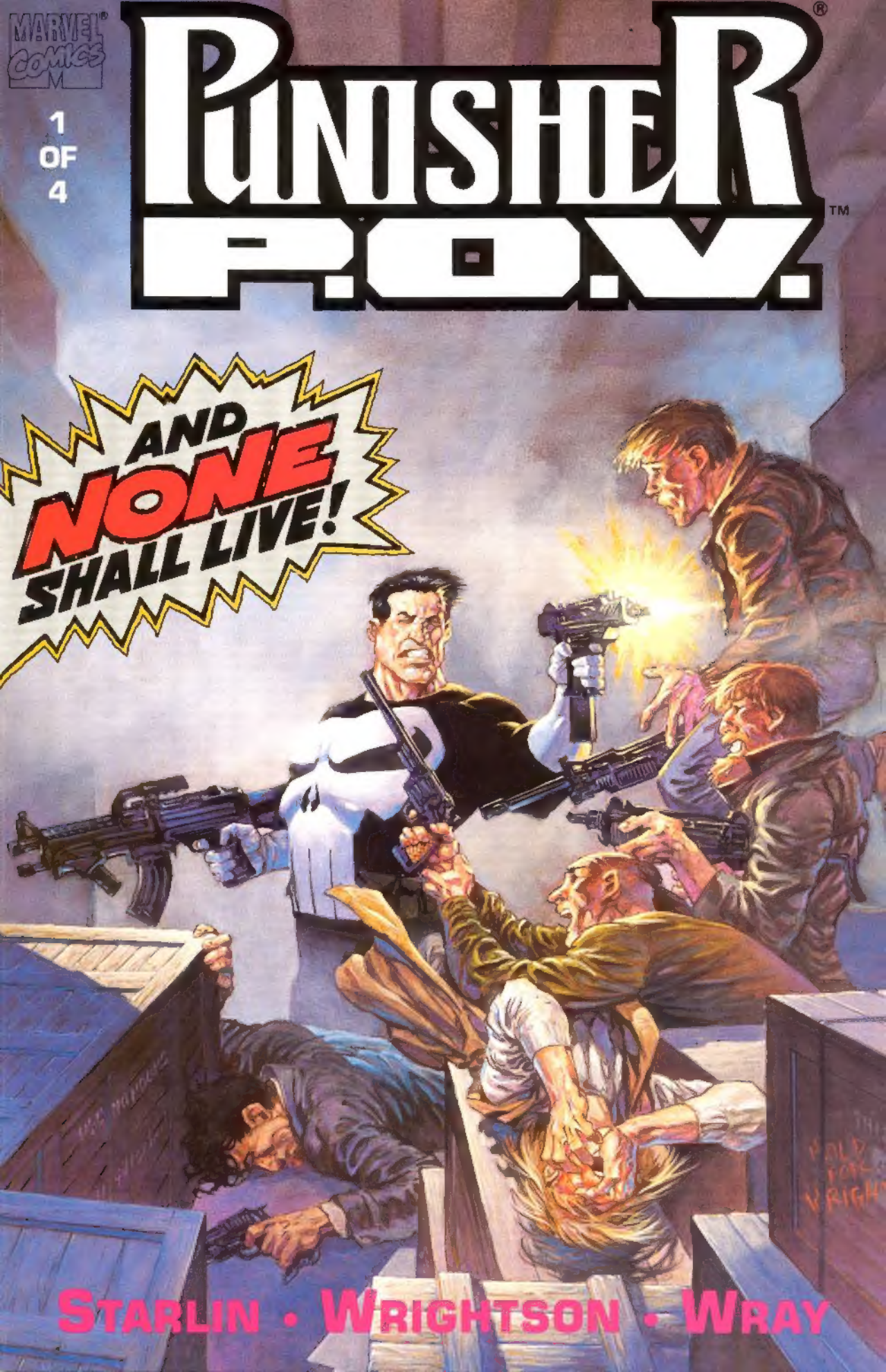
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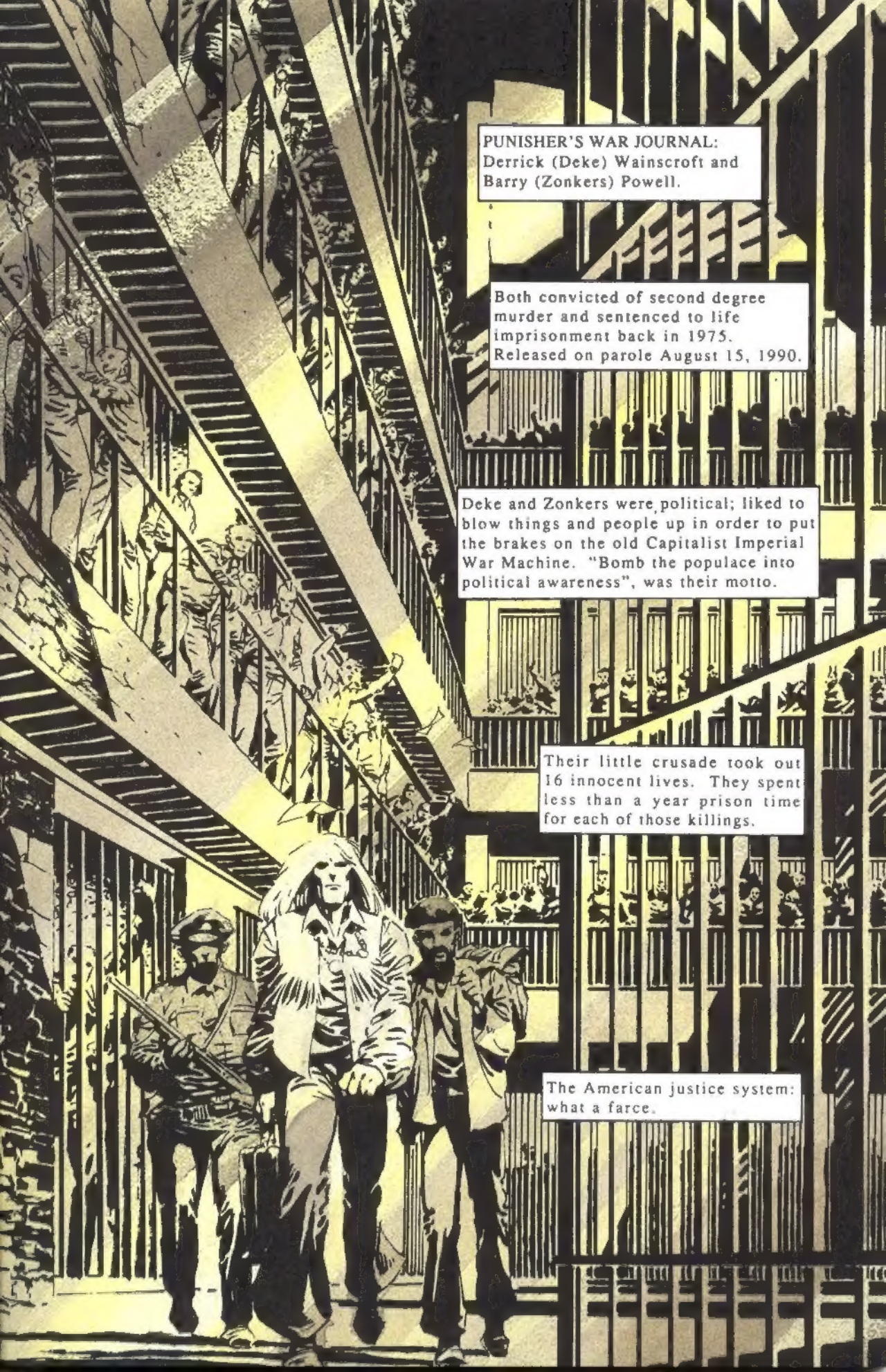
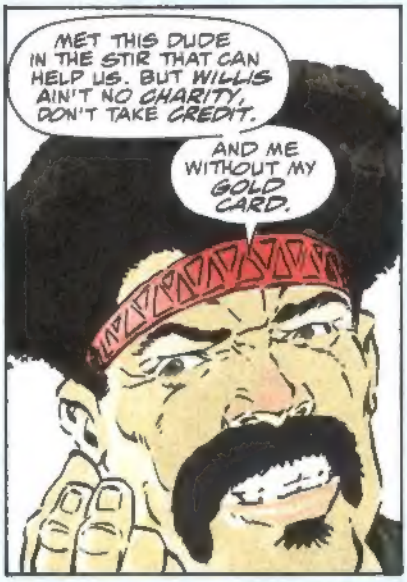
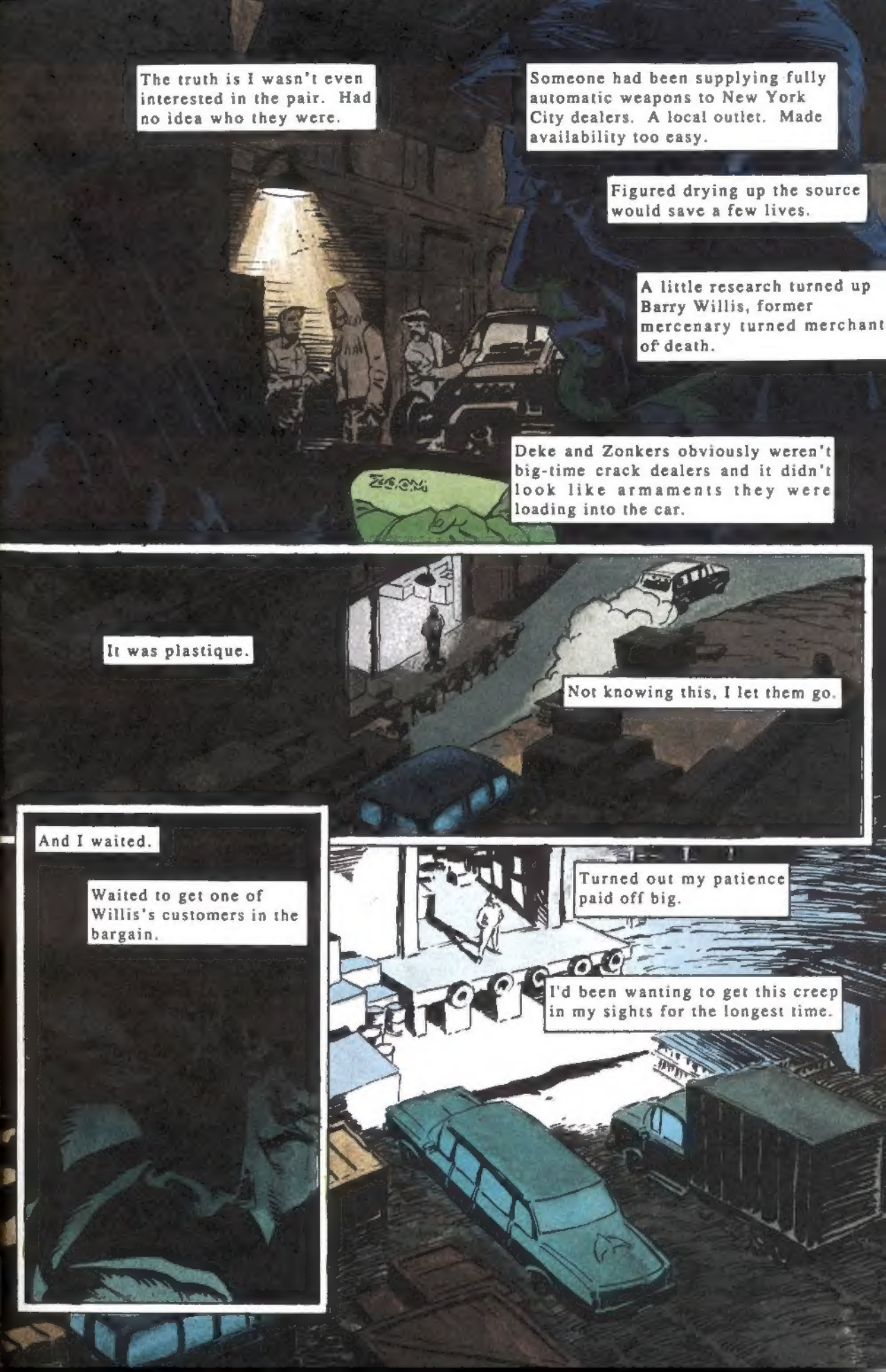

PUNISHER'S WAR JOURNAL: Derrick (Deke) Wainscroft and Barry (Zonkers) Powell.
Both convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to life imprisonment back in 1975. Released on parole August 15, 1990.
Deke and Zonkers were political; liked to blow things and people up in order to put the brakes on the old Capitalist Imperial War Machine. "Bomb the populace into political awareness", was their motto.
Their little crusade took out 16 innocent lives. They spent less than a year prison time for each of those killings.
The American justice system: what a farce.

Two social anarchist dinosaurs from the sixties.



SO WE KNOCK OVER A COUPLE BEER AND WINES.
CALLED CONVENIENCE STORES THESE DAYS.
WHATEVER. STILL GOT A COUPLE PIECES STASHED.

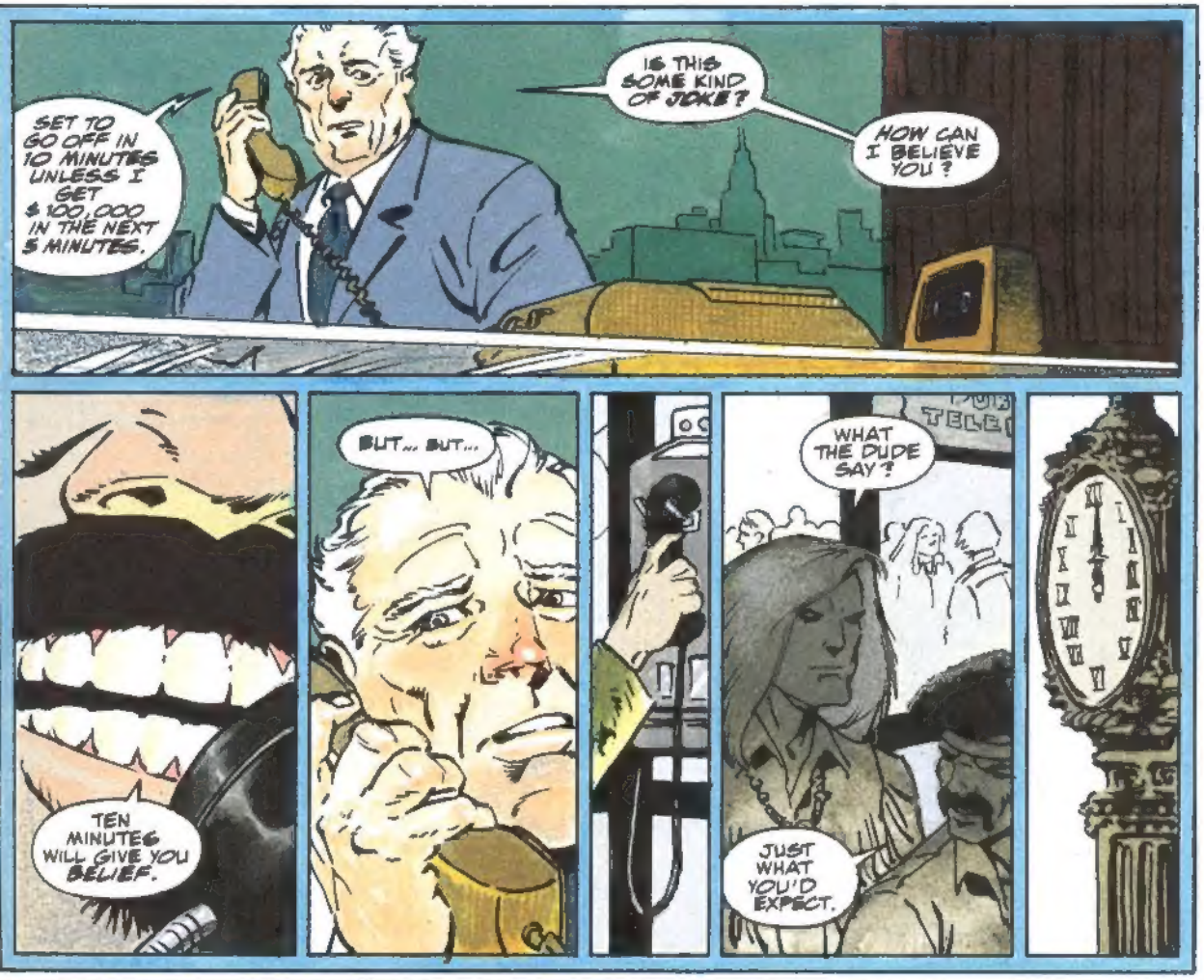
I didn't stumble onto these hairbags until two weeks later. Had this warehouse staked out.


The truth is I wasn't even interested in the pair. Had no idea who they were.
Someone had been supplying fully automatic weapons to New York City dealers. A local outlet. Made availability too easy.
Figured drying up the source would save a few lives.
A little research turned up Barry Willis, former mercenary turned merchant of death.
Deke and Zonkers obviously weren't big-time crack dealers and it didn't look like armaments they were loading into the car.
It was plastique.
Not knowing this, I let them go.
And I waited.
Waited to get one of Willis's customers in the bargain.
Turned out my patience paid off big.
I'd been wanting to get this creep in my sights for the longest time.

Sergio Valez Garcia.
Some called him King Crack.
Word had it he was the main wholesaler for all of Queens and Brooklyn.
Couldn't believe my luck.
Watched them load a couple of crates.
Pulled out the Battle Wagon's targeting helmet.
Time had come to play judge, jury and executioner.
A court of law might have trouble with that kind of evidence, but not me.
Lock on target and headlights on.
Mr. Valez Garcia had sold his last little glass vial.
I wanted them to know it was coming.

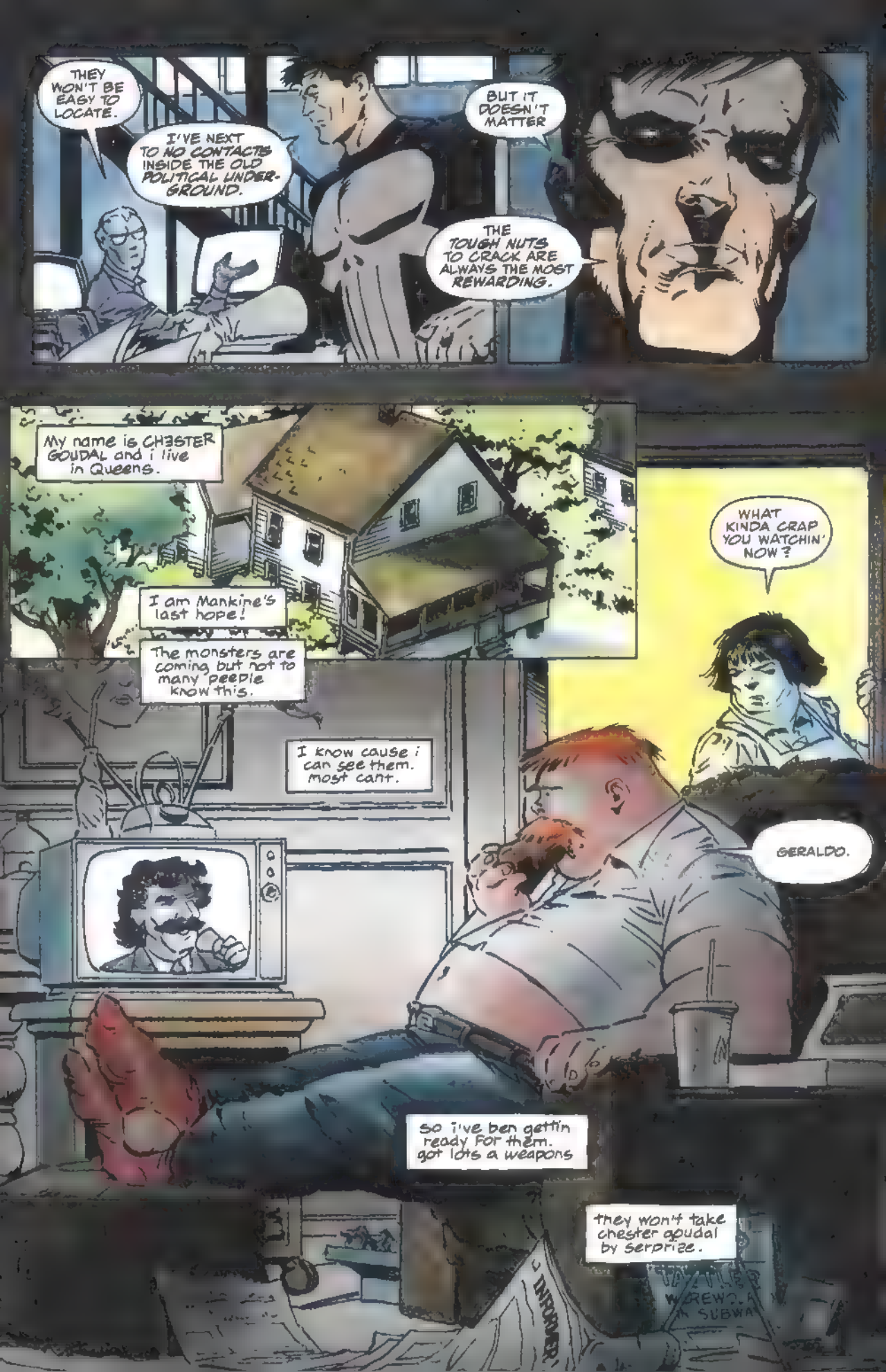
A pair of heat-seekers would do the trick.
¿QUE ES ESTO?
OH, NO...
MISSILE RE
FIRE MISSILES.
I headed home, feeling pretty good.
Not every night you get to close out two major files.

A TOWERING STEEL AND GLASS MONUMENT DEDICATED TO CAPITALIST GREED.
INSIDE, FAT CATS LIVING OFF OF THE SWEAT AND TOIL OF THE OPPRESSED MASSES.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THEY WERE SHOOK UP GOOD.
TIME TO LET THEM KNOW DEKE AND ZONKERS ARE BACK.
START WITH CHARLES BAKER, PRESIDENT OF GOTHAM FEDERAL.
BZZZZT!
SORRY, MR. BAKER. I HAVE A GENTLEMAN ON THE PHONE, INSISTING ON TALKING TO YOU. HE WON'T GIVE HIS NAME.
ON MY PRIVATE LINE? VERY WELL, I'LL TAKE IT.
HELLO. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
YOU CAN START BY GIVING ME $100,000.
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LOAN, I CAN--
I SAID GIVE.
WHY SHOULD I GIVE YOU--
BECAUSE THERE'S A BOMB.
A BOMB?

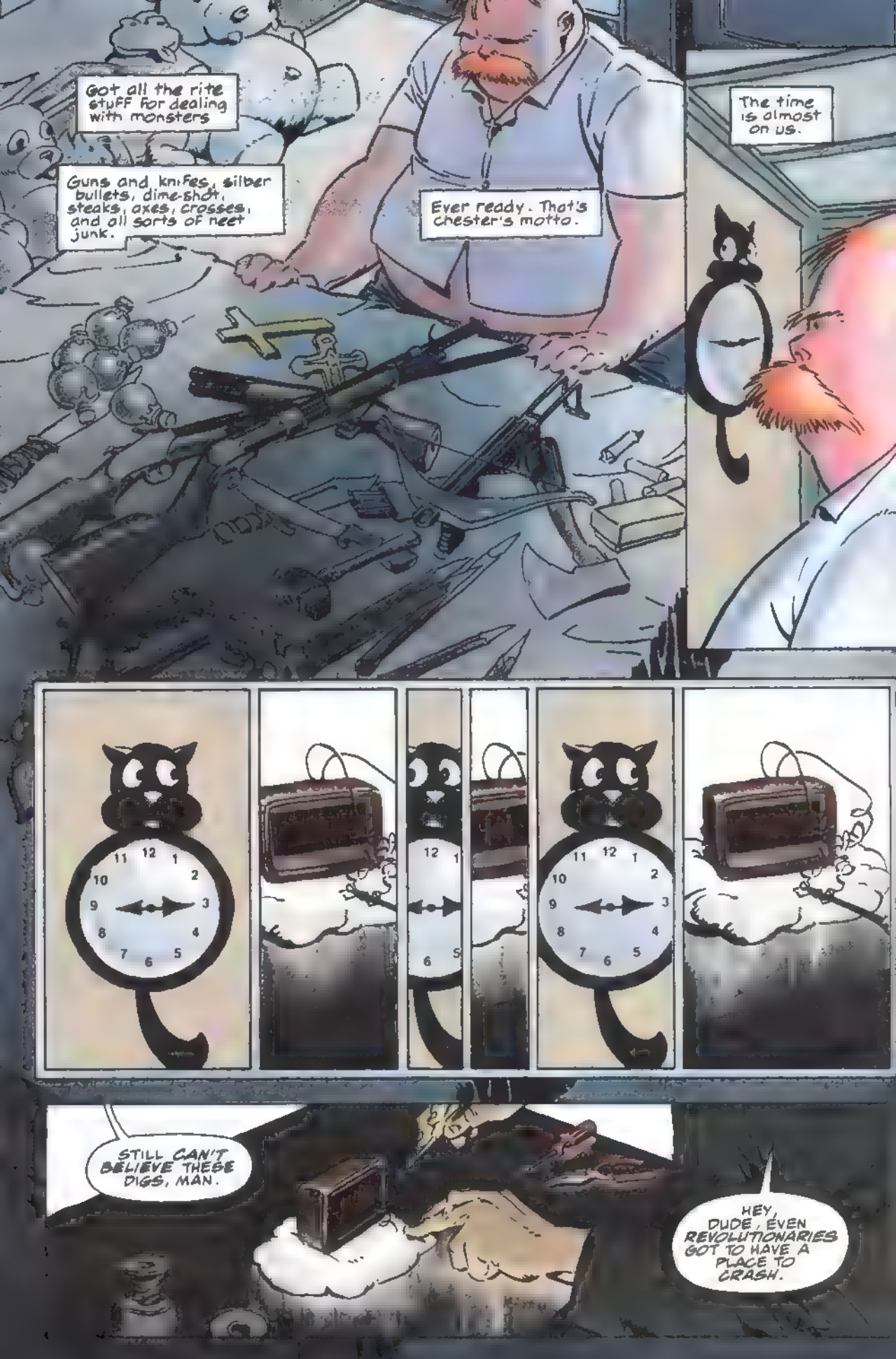

SET TO GO OFF IN 10 MINUTES UNLESS I GET $100,000 IN THE NEXT 5 MINUTES.
IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
HOW CAN I BELIEVE YOU?
TEN MINUTES WILL GIVE YOU BELIEF.
BUT... BUT...
WHAT THE DUDE SAY?
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT.
BOOKS
"WHICH BANK YOU DECIDE ON?"
GOTHAM FEDERAL
GOTHAM FEDERAL
"MIDTOWN BRANCH. OUGHT TO BE REAL BUSY COME LUNCH TIME."
"HOW MANY YOU FIGURE'LL GET WASTED?"
"GOT FIVE THAT SAYS WE TAKE OUT AT LEAST 15."

"YOU'RE ON. I SAY NO MORE THAN 10."
BZZZZT!
17:15
YES, I JUST GOT THE WORD. MY GOD! YOU KILLED 8 PEOPLE!
NOT ON ME.
GOT MY BREAD?
THEN YOU GOT 10 MINUTES TO PONY IT UP.
OR ANOTHER BOMB GOES OFF IN 15 MINUTES.
WHERE SHOULD I BRING THE MONEY?
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT, MY MAN.
NOW YOU TAKE YOURSELF A BUS TO WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK AND...
HIT THEM SO FAST THEY AIN'T GOT TIME TO CALL THE FUZZ IN, THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT.
A BANK OR TWO MORE AND WE GOING TO BE A COUPLE RICH REVOLUTIONARIES, MAN.
I CAN DIG IT.

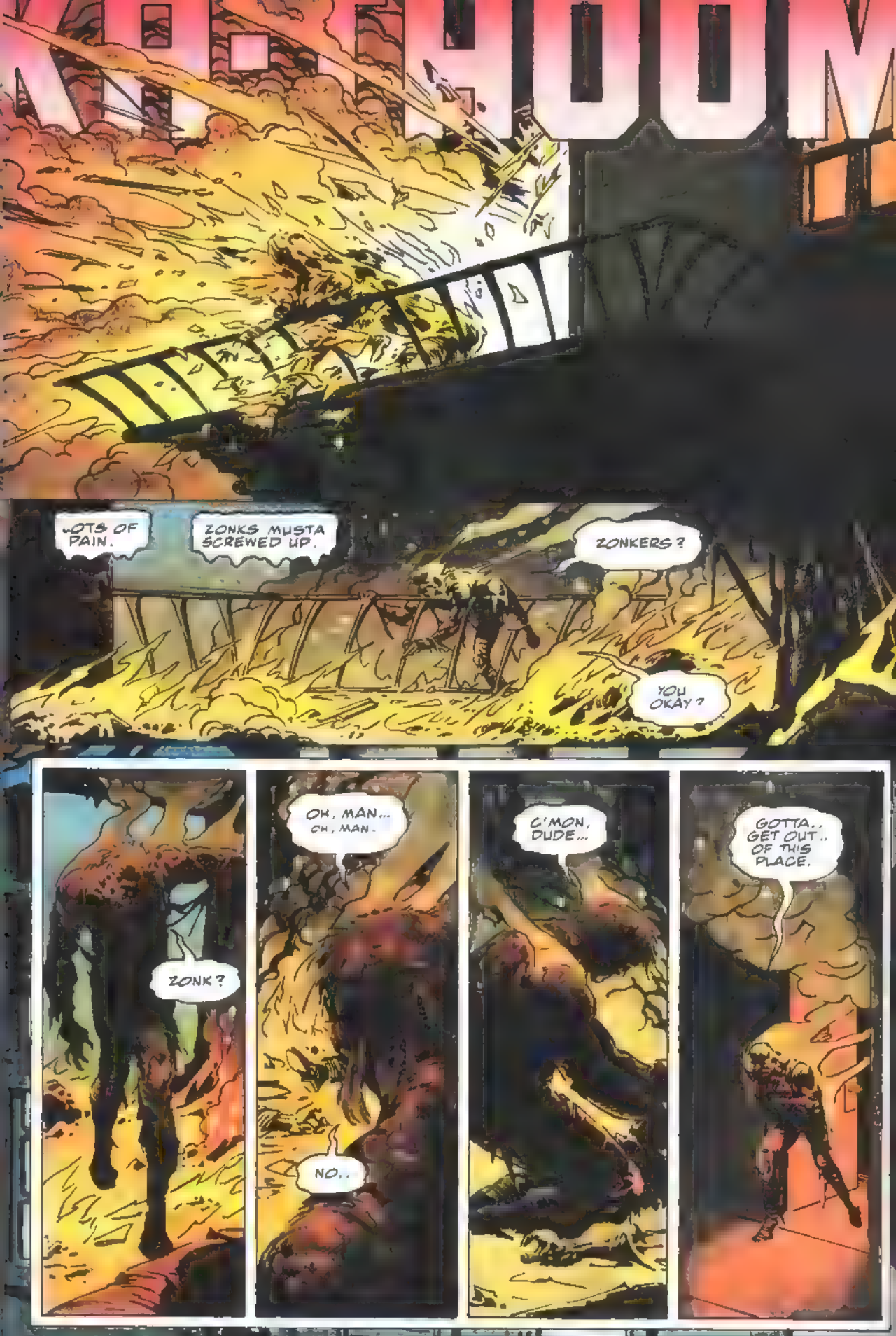
Microchip got interested in the boys about the time they hit their third bank.
... FOUR BANKS IN THREE WEEKS, 27 PEOPLE KILLED, 41 INJURED
AND YOU FIGURE THIS DEKE AND ZONKERS ARE GOOD FOR IT.
WHY?
IT'S THEIR M.O. AND THERE'S THAT TAPE YOU MADE AT WILLIS'S WAREHOUSE.
WILLIS FILE: 10/9/90
PLAY
THOSE BOYS LOOK FAMILIAR?
FIGURE IT'S PLASTIQUE THEY'RE LOADING?
WHAT ELSE?
TWO BAD CUSTOMERS. FORMER WEATHERMEN, KICKED OUT OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR BEING TOO RADICAL AND VIOLENT.
WORD IS THEY BROUGHT DOWN TOO MUCH HEAT ON THE UNDER-GROUND.
APPREHENDED IN '75. BOTH SENTENCED TO LIFE. PAROLED THREE WEEKS AGO.
THEY NEVER BOTHERED REPORTING TO THEIR P.O.


THEY WON'T BE EASY TO LOCATE.
I'VE NEXT TO NO CONTACTS INSIDE THE OLD POLITICAL UNDER-GROUND.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER
THE TOUGH NUTS TO CRACK ARE ALWAYS THE MOST REWARDING.
My name is CHESTER GOUDAL and i live in Queens.
I am Mankine's last hope!
The monsters are coming but not to many peeple know this.
I know cause i can see them. most cant.
WHAT KINDA CRAP YOU WATCHIN' NOW?
GERALDO.
so i've ben gettin ready for them. got lots a weapons
they won't take chester goudal by serprize.
INFORMER

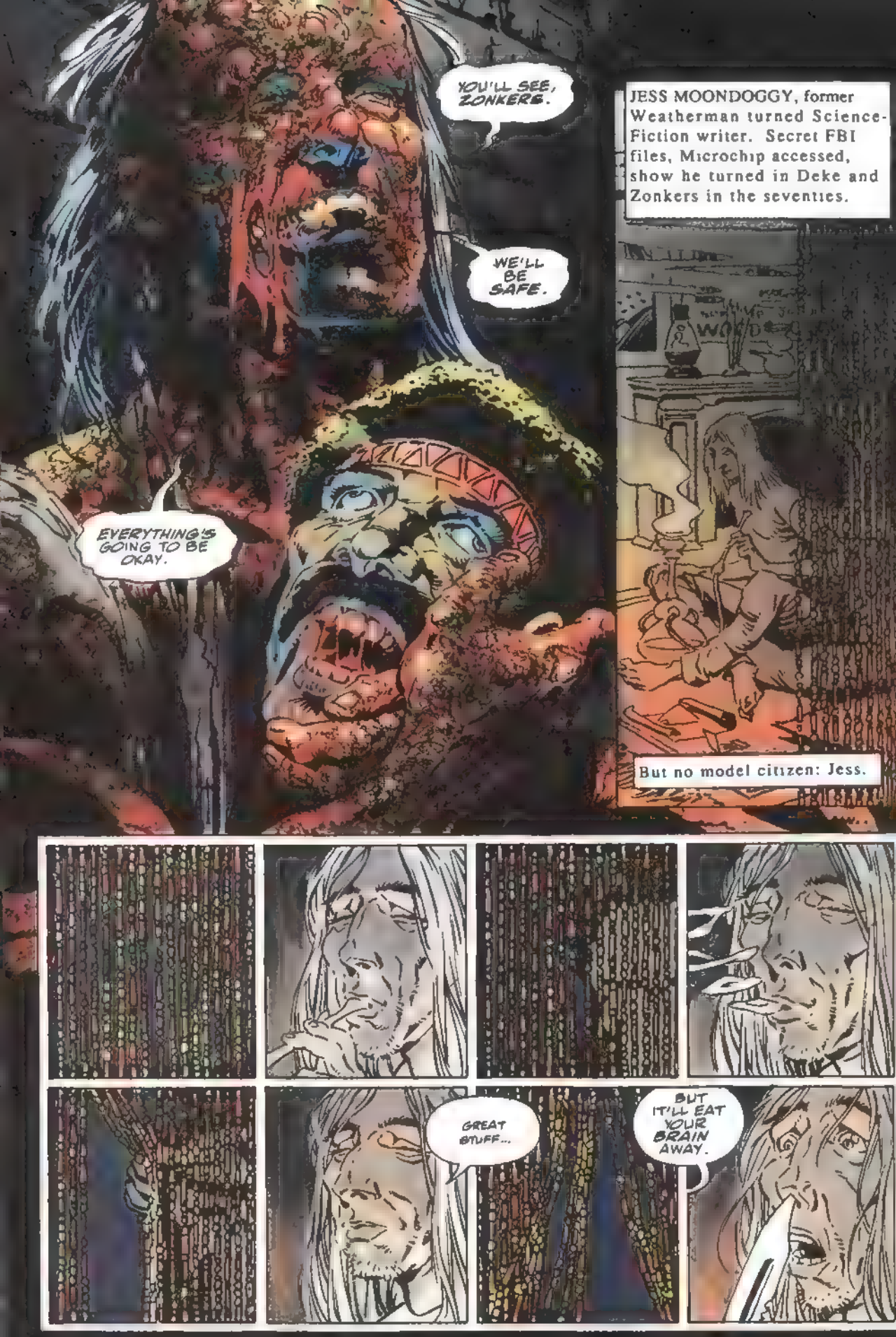
WHAT'S TODAY'S TOPIC? TEENAGE, DRUG-ABUSING, NYMPHOMANIAC MUTANTS?
NO. KIDS INVOLVED WITH DEVIL WORSHIPPING CULTS
YOU KEEP WATCHIN' THAT STUFF AND READIN' ALL THEM TABLOIDS YOUR MIND'S GONNA DRIBBLE OUT THROUGH YOUR EARS.
AND ALL THAT JUNK FOOD YA EAT, NEVER NOTHIN' GOOD FOR YA. YOU'RE GONNA EXPLODE, CHESTER
YEAH, MOM.
SURE, MOM
WHERE YOU GOING NOW?
MY ROOM.
WHY DON'T YA GO LOOK FOR A JOB?
That's rite. She's one OF them.
The monsters are comin out From undar the bed.
THE NATIONWIDE INFORMER
MAN SPENDS WILD WEEKEND WITH TURES FROM OUTER SPACE
"I'M PREGNANT
They're planning on taking over. Monsters in the white House.
Someones got to stop them!
Your lucky i ben preparing For them for years.


Got all the rite stuFF for dealing with monsters
Guns and knifes, silber bullets, dime-shot, steaks, axes, crosses, and all sorts of neet junk.
Ever ready. That's chester's motto.
The time is almost on us.
STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THESE DIGS, MAN.
HEY, DUDE, EVEN REVOLUTIONARIES GOT TO HAVE A PLACE TO CRASH.

WE SURE DIDN'T HAVE NO SAFE-HOUSES LIKE THIS BACK IN THE OLD DAYS.
NO, BUT THOSE PLACES ALWAYS HAD A LOTTA TAIL AROUND
KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
YEAH, BEEN TAKIN' THE SITUATION IN HAND FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS.
GOTTA DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THAT.
BACK IN THE SIXTIES, YOU'D HAVE HALF A DOZEN LOOKERS HANGING OUT IN A PAD LIKE THIS
ALL THAT SWEET COLLEGE SQUEEZE.
YEAH, LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS. GOING-TO-CHANGE-THE-WORLD GALS.
REMEMBER SUZY ACID?
SURE DO. ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT TABBING THE PENTAGON WATER SUPPLY.
CRAZY BROAD.
GREAT LEGS, THOUGH
THEN SHE WAS GOING TO ZAP NIXON WITH HER PSYCHIC EMANATIONS.
SHE'D SIT FOR HOURS IN THE NUDE, CHANTING.
YEAH, NICE BOD.
WONDER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO HER?


KA-BOOM
LOTS OF PAIN.
ZONKS MUSTA SCREWED UP.
ZONKERS?
YOU OKAY?
ZONK?
OH, MAN... OH, MAN.
NO..
C'MON, DUDE...
GOTTA.. GET OUT.. OF THIS PLACE.

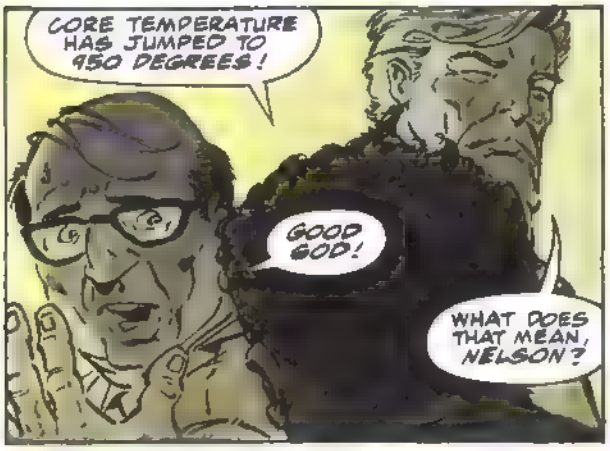
I HIT THE STREETS BUT IT AIN'T COOL THERE.
NO MORE ANONYMITY.
OH, MY GOD!
WHAT THE...
FAR OUT!
ULP!
YOU OKAY, MAN?
GOT TO FIND SOME PLACE TO HIDE, GET IT TOGETHER.
WAIT A MINUTE! KNOW JUST THE SPOT!
USED TO STEAL CHEMICALS FROM THERE.
GET THERE THROUGH THE SEWERS.
NO EYES IN THE SEWERS. NO PIGS.
THIS IS A SECRET ROUTE.
NOBODY KNOWS IT BUT ME.
MAKE A GOOD CRASH PAD.

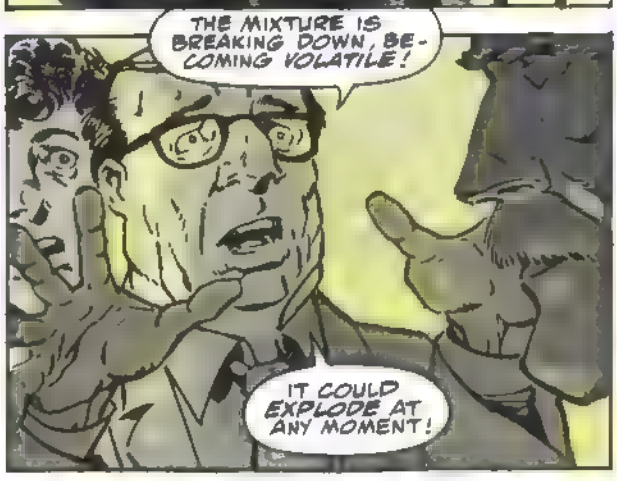

YOU'LL SEE, ZONKERS.
WE'LL BE SAFE.
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY.
JESS MOONDOGGY, former Weatherman turned Science-Fiction writer. Secret FBI files, Microchip accessed, show he turned in Deke and Zonkers in the seventies.
But no model citizen: Jess.
GREAT STUFF...
BUT IT'LL EAT YOUR BRAIN AWAY.

THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME COME IN : TOO STONED.
WHAT YOU WANT, MAN?
LOOKING FOR TWO OLD FRIENDS OF YOURS.
FIGURED YOU'D KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM. DEKE AND ZONKERS.
DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE AT
THINK AGAIN.
AN UNSATISFACTORY ANSWER IS GOING TO COST YOU YOUR NOSE
555 PARK AVENUE !
WAINSCROFT CHEMICAL
MR. WAINSCROFT, WE'VE GOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM !

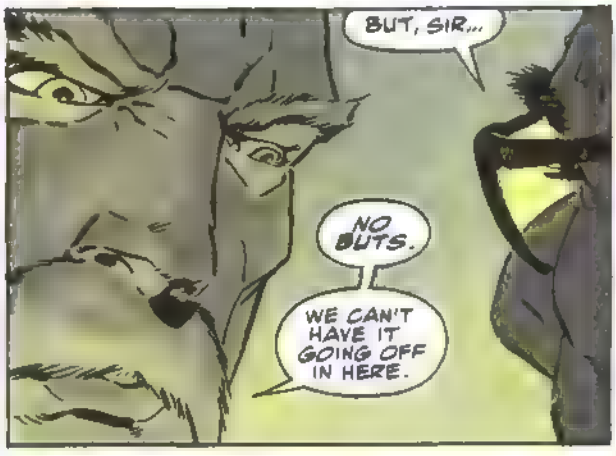
THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF THE SOLUTION IS BREAKING DOWN.
I WARNED YOU WE WEREN'T READY TO TRY LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION.

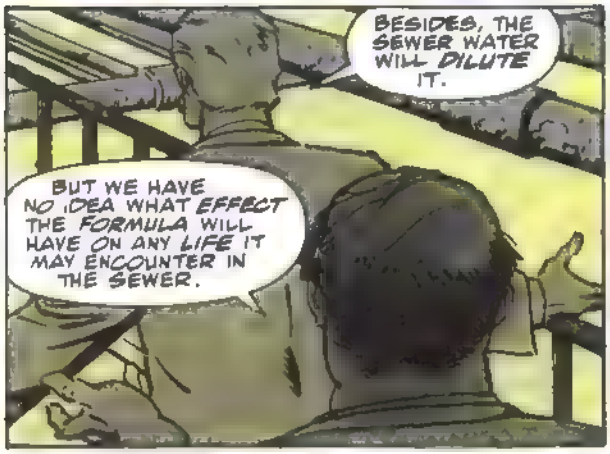
ALL THE BUGS HAVEN'T BEEN WORKED OUT.
WE NEED MORE TIME TO STUDY THE DNA LINKAGES.
SIR!


CORE TEMPERATURE HAS JUMPED TO 950 DEGREES!
GOOD GOD!
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, NELSON?


THE MIXTURE IS BREAKING DOWN, BECOMING VOLATILE!
IT COULD EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT!

THEN DUMP IT.
WHAT?!
DUMP IT INTO THE SEWERS.

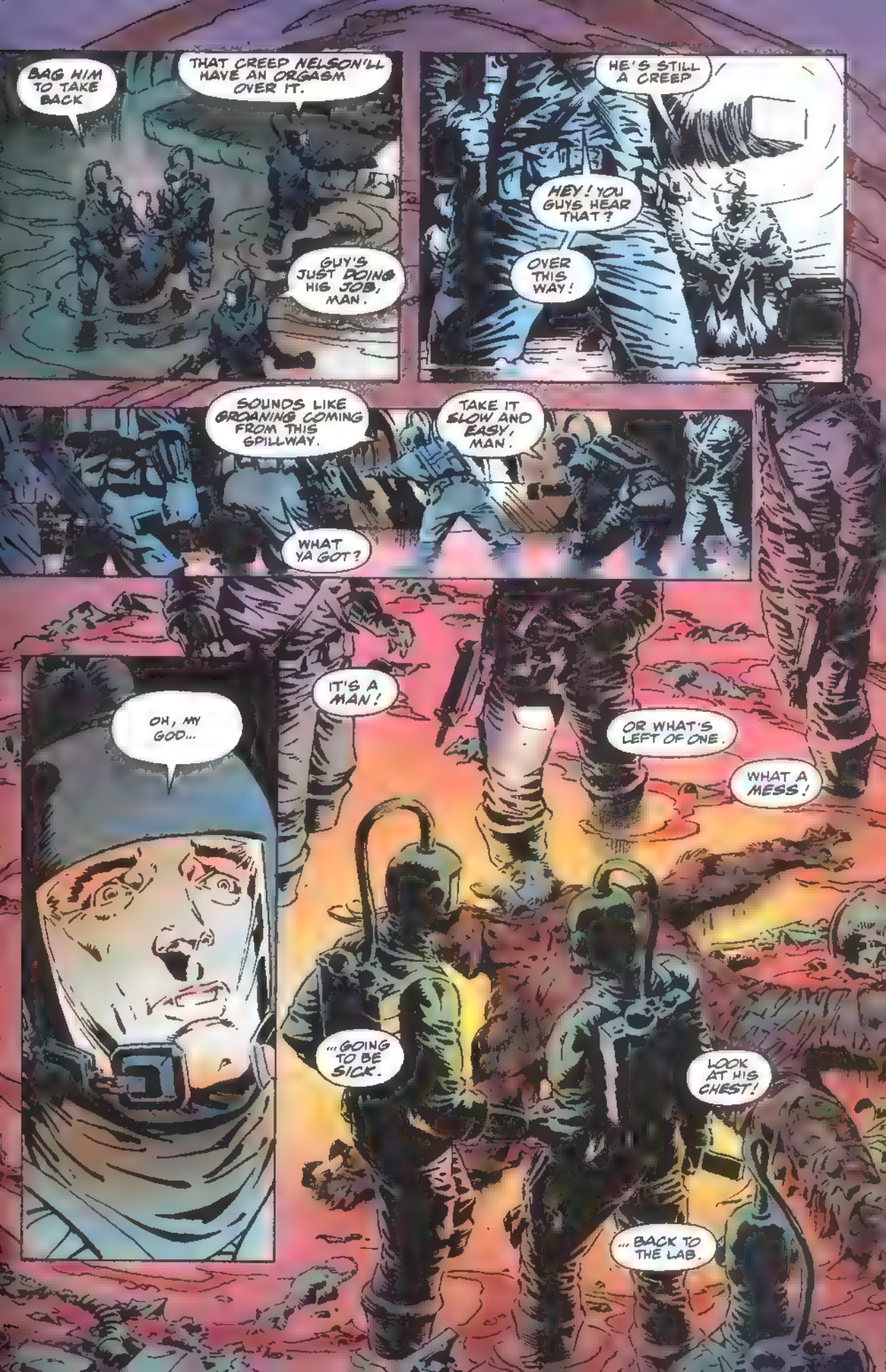

BUT, SIR...
NO BUTS.
WE CAN'T HAVE IT GOING OFF IN HERE.


BESIDES, THE SEWER WATER WILL DILUTE IT.
BUT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT EFFECT THE FORMULA WILL HAVE ON ANY LIFE IT MAY ENCOUNTER IN THE SEWER.

THEN THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU FURTHER SUBJECTS FOR STUDY.
SEND DOWN AN ANTI-BACTERIOLOGICAL TEAM AFTER THE SYSTEM'S FLUSHED.

ALMOST THERE, ZONK.
NO ONE KNOWS THE SEWERS LIKE ME.
USED TO PLAY DOWN HERE AS A KID.
AIN'T NEAR AS BAD AS FOLKS THINK.
FOR US, IT IS THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW.
OH, CRAP.
ALL SET TO GO.
EVERYONE CARRYING SIDEARMS?
YEP. FIGURE WE'LL NEED THEM?
BEST TO PLAY IT SAFE

EERIE PLACE, EH?
DAMN, THEY AIN'T PAYING ME ENOUGH TO COME DOWN HERE
HUH?
HEAR SOME-THING?
YEAH. SHINE YOUR LIGHT OVER ON THAT DRAIN PIPE.
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
SSSSCCRRREEEE
K'POW! POW! POW!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT SUCKER!
SIGNS OF FORCED MUTA-TION

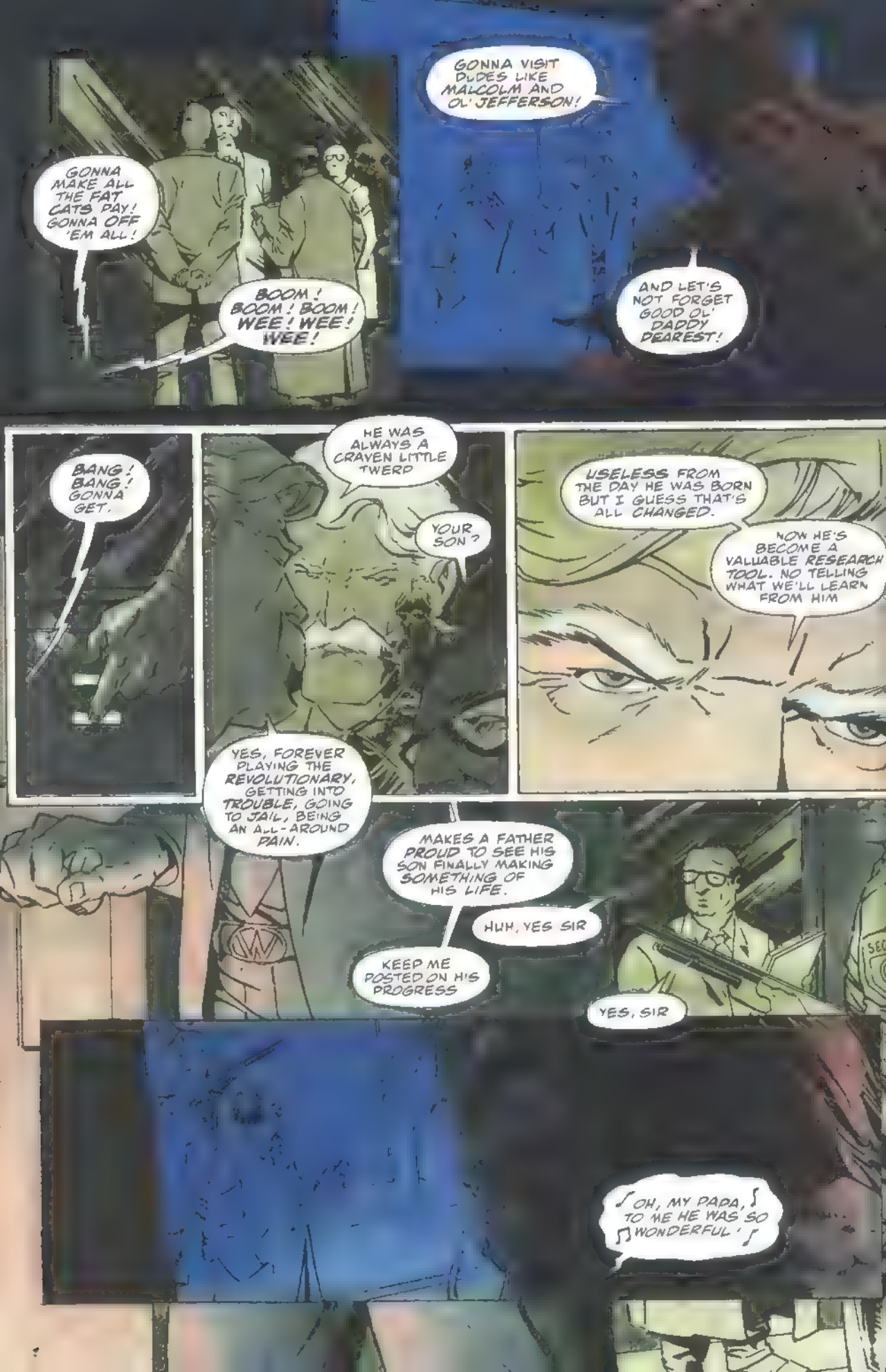

BAG HIM TO TAKE BACK
THAT CREEP NELSON'LL HAVE AN ORGASM OVER IT.
GUY'S JUST DOING HIS JOB, MAN.
HE'S STILL A CREEP
HEY! YOU GUYS HEAR THAT?
OVER THIS WAY!
SOUNDS LIKE GROANING COMING FROM THIS SPILLWAY.
TAKE IT SLOW AND EASY, MAN.
WHAT YA GOT?
OH, MY GOD...
IT'S A MAN!
OR WHAT'S LEFT OF ONE.
WHAT A MESS!
...GOING TO BE SICK.
LOOK AT HIS CHEST!
...BACK TO THE LAB.

I arrived at Deke and Zonkers' safe-house about the same time the firefighters finished putting out the blaze.
Police band claims one body was found inside.
Witnesses saw a seriously injured male Caucasian running from the building.
A black man
Hopefully Deke's wounds will prove fatal.
And if they don't, my tracking him down will.
HAD TO BLAST THREE MORE OF THESE THINGS ON THE WAY BACK
WHAT ABOUT THE MAN YOU FOUND?
HE'S IN THE INFIRMARY.
OUGHT TO GET PAID MORE FOR THIS WORK.
WHERE AND WHAT'S HIS CONDITION?
WE'VE MANAGED TO STABILIZE HIM.
BACK ROOM.
NOT VERY PRETTY, EH?

WILL HE LIVE?
HARD TO SAY.
THERE'S BEEN MASSIVE GENE MUTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRAFTING.
HE SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE, BUT HE IS.
AT LEAST THIS MAN'S DISAPPEARANCE WILL CAUSE US NO TROUBLE.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE'S A WANTED CRIMINAL. NO ONE WILL MISS HIM
YOU MEAN YOU KNOW HIM?
OF COURSE, HE'S MY SON.
HAVE HIM MOVED TO THE BASEMENT LABS.
DOCTOR, YOU AND NELSON HAVE A NEW SPECIMEN TO STUDY.

It takes me two weeks to hunt down another one of Deke Wainscroft's past associates.
Buzz Conners, one-time revolutionary turned dope smuggler. Not an easy person to find
Judging by the size of the goon at the door, it appears it'll be difficult to have a conversation with ol' Buzz
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, SLICK?
I'M AN OLD FRIEND OF BUZZ'S. JUST WANT TO TALK TO HIM
NOT TODAY
TAKE A WALK WHILE YOU STILL CAN, GREASEBALL
Why is it that the dumb ones always turn out so large?
It never occurs to them to find out who they're dealing with before trying to lean on them
Big mistake
So's the door
Poorly reinforced
That's why I was so surprised when I found out what was going on behind it

A wholesale level coke transaction.
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE, GENTS?
Of course, I already knew the answer to that question.
Subject has bounced back remarkably over the past two weeks. All vital signs are strong.
Our only worry now is the subject's mental state. He suffers from frequent violent fits of depression.
Electroencephalograms show altered brain wave activity probably due to his exposure to the enviro-solution.
RESTRICTED
A condition exacerbated by the subject's regrettable physical state.
Team psychiatrists believe subject has become paranoid and periodically hallucinatory.
GONNA GET 'EM. GONNA GET 'EM ALL.
RUN, LITTLE PIGGIES, RUN.


GONNA MAKE ALL THE FAT CATS PAY! GONNA OFF 'EM ALL!
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! WEE! WEE! WEE!
GONNA VISIT DUDES LIKE MALCOLM AND OL' JEFFERSON!
AND LET'S NOT FORGET GOOD OL' DADDY DEAREST!
BANG! BANG! GONNA GET.
HE WAS ALWAYS A CRAVEN LITTLE TWERP
YOUR SON?
USELESS FROM THE DAY HE WAS BORN BUT I GUESS THAT'S ALL CHANGED.
NOW HE'S BECOME A VALUABLE RESEARCH TOOL. NO TELLING WHAT WE'LL LEARN FROM HIM
YES, FOREVER PLAYING THE REVOLUTIONARY, GETTING INTO TROUBLE, GOING TO JAIL, BEING AN ALL-AROUND PAIN.
MAKES A FATHER PROUD TO SEE HIS SON FINALLY MAKING SOMETHING OF HIS LIFE.
HUH, YES SIR
KEEP ME POSTED ON HIS PROGRESS
YES, SIR
♪ OH, MY PAPA, ♪ ♫ TO ME HE WAS SO WONDERFUL ♪

THE SOLDIER RETURNED FROM THE WARS, HOPING AT LONG LAST TO FIND A LITTLE PEACE.
HE TOOK HIS WIFE AND CHILD OUT FOR A SIMPLE PICNIC
BUT HE CHOSE THE WRONG SPOT AND TIME FOR THIS OUTING AND SAW SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T HAVE
THE DOPE DEALERS' BULLETS CUT HIM AND HIS FAMILY DOWN.
AND AN AVENGING PHOENIX ROSE FROM THE ASHES
HE IS A HUNTER. SOME SAY HE HAS A DEATH WISH
I'm more than happy to oblige them
It's the big money they make dealing drugs they'd rather die than give it up
I FEEL IT COMING ON ME AT NIGHT.
IT COMES ON STRONG

THE FOOLS WATCH ME AND I WATCH THEM.
BUT AS I GROW STRONGER..
SO DOES THE HUNGER.
AND IT WILL NOT BE DENIED.
BUT THEY HAVE NO IDEA OF HOW STRONG I'VE BECOME
HE'S MOVING AROUND IN THERE
NOT GOING TO BUST THE PLACE UP AGAIN, IS HE?
IF ONLY WE COULD KEEP THE LIGHTS ON IN THERE.
SO I SAYS TO HER..
TOO BAD THEY DRIVE HIM CRAZY.
DAMN!
KLAASS
THE LOONEY'S KILLING NELSON!
GET IN THERE AND HELP HIM!
GRAB HIM!
WATCH HIS TEETH!
LOOK OUT!
HEY! HE'S GOT MY--
ARRRGH!
MY ARM!
ACCK!!

THE NECKS OF ALL FOUR MEN WERE BROKEN.
AND YOU'VE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS?
NONE! WE'VE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE INSTALLATION!
THEN THAT MEANS DERRICK'S SOMEWHERE OUT THERE IN THE CITY.
SHOULD I CONTACT THE POLICE?
TO TELL THEM WE'VE BEEN PERFORMING ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTS ON A WANTED FELON?
NO, WE'LL MANAGE WITHOUT THE POLICE
THIS IS MORE THAN MY BOYS CAN HANDLE, MR WAINSCROFT.
I KNOW.
FORTUNATELY, I KNOW A MAN WHO CAN HELP US
HE HAS THE ORGANIZATION AND I'VE DEALT WITH HIM BEFORE.
UNFORTUNATELY, HIS SERVICES ARE COSTLY.
SOMETIMES VERY COSTLY.

CAROL NELSON: 8 MONTHS PREGNANT, AND JUST OFF WORK, WAITING FOR HER EX TO SHOW FOR A SERIOUS DISCUSSION
TOOTH & NAIL EXOTIC PETS
SHE WONDERS WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE HE'S GOING TO CAUSE THIS TIME.
WE H MORAY EELS!
SPECIAL GIANT CENT TARANTULA 2 For $1
WHY CAN'T HE JUST LEAVE HER ALONE?
WHY CAN'T THE WORLD JUST LEAVE HER ALONE?
WHUMP
SO YOUNG, FRESH, AND RIPE WITH LIFE.
JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR
THE ONLY WAY TO QUIET THE HUNGER.

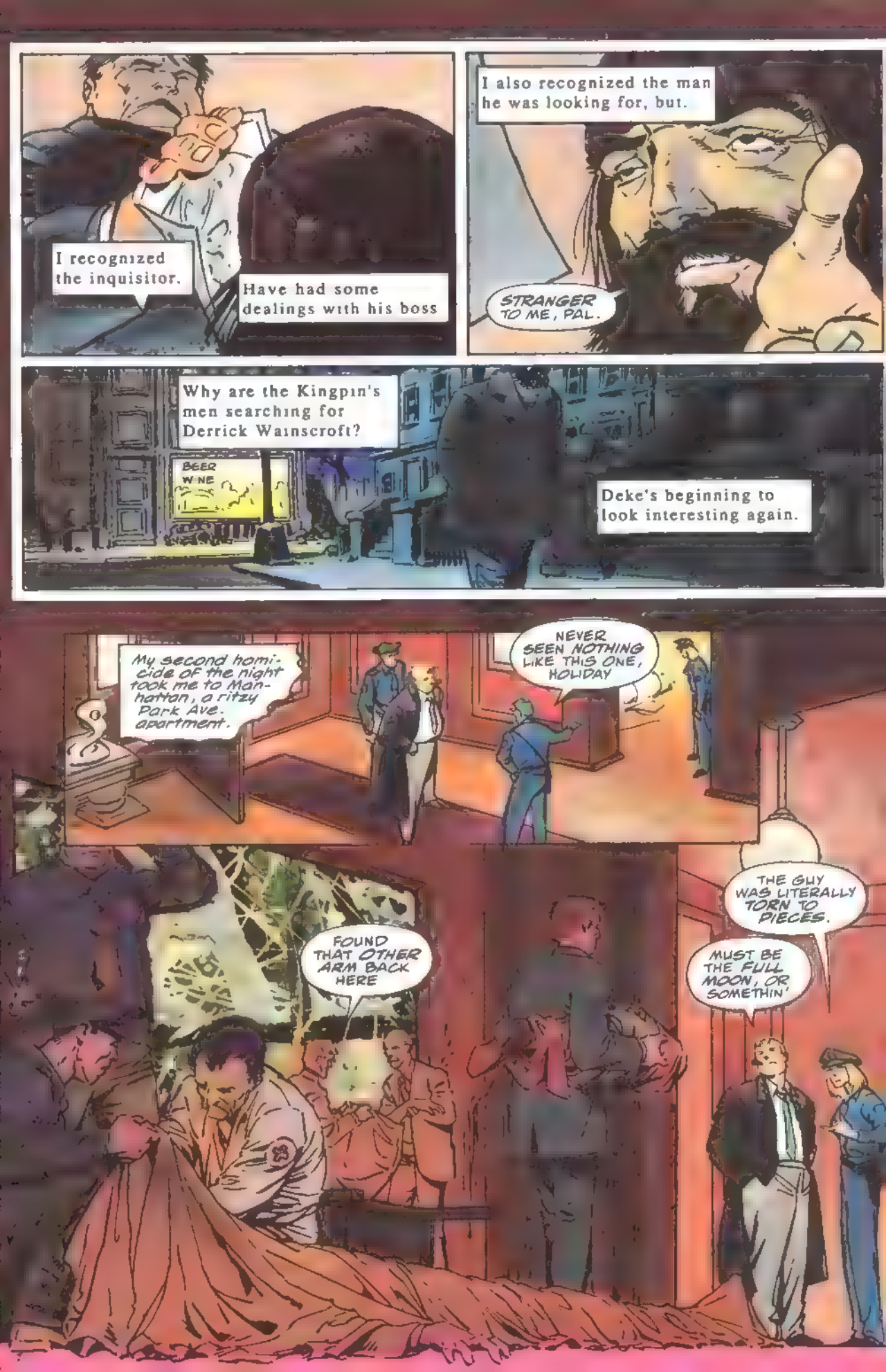
EVEN THOUGH SEMI-CONSCIOUS DURING THE ATTACK MS NELSON WAS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE HER ASSAILANT
VAMPIRE ATTACK
WE'LL HAVE FURTHER BULLETINS ON THE VAMPIRE ASSAILANT AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE
The time has come
The monsters are startin there big push for power
MY HOLY QUEST begins
But before I can do anything else
MUTHER must be dealt with
Got the Queens homicide squad at B 27 Neighbor found the body
IT'S A BAD ONE DET. HOLIDAY
ANY SUSPECTS?
VICTIMS SON LOOKS GOOD FOR IT

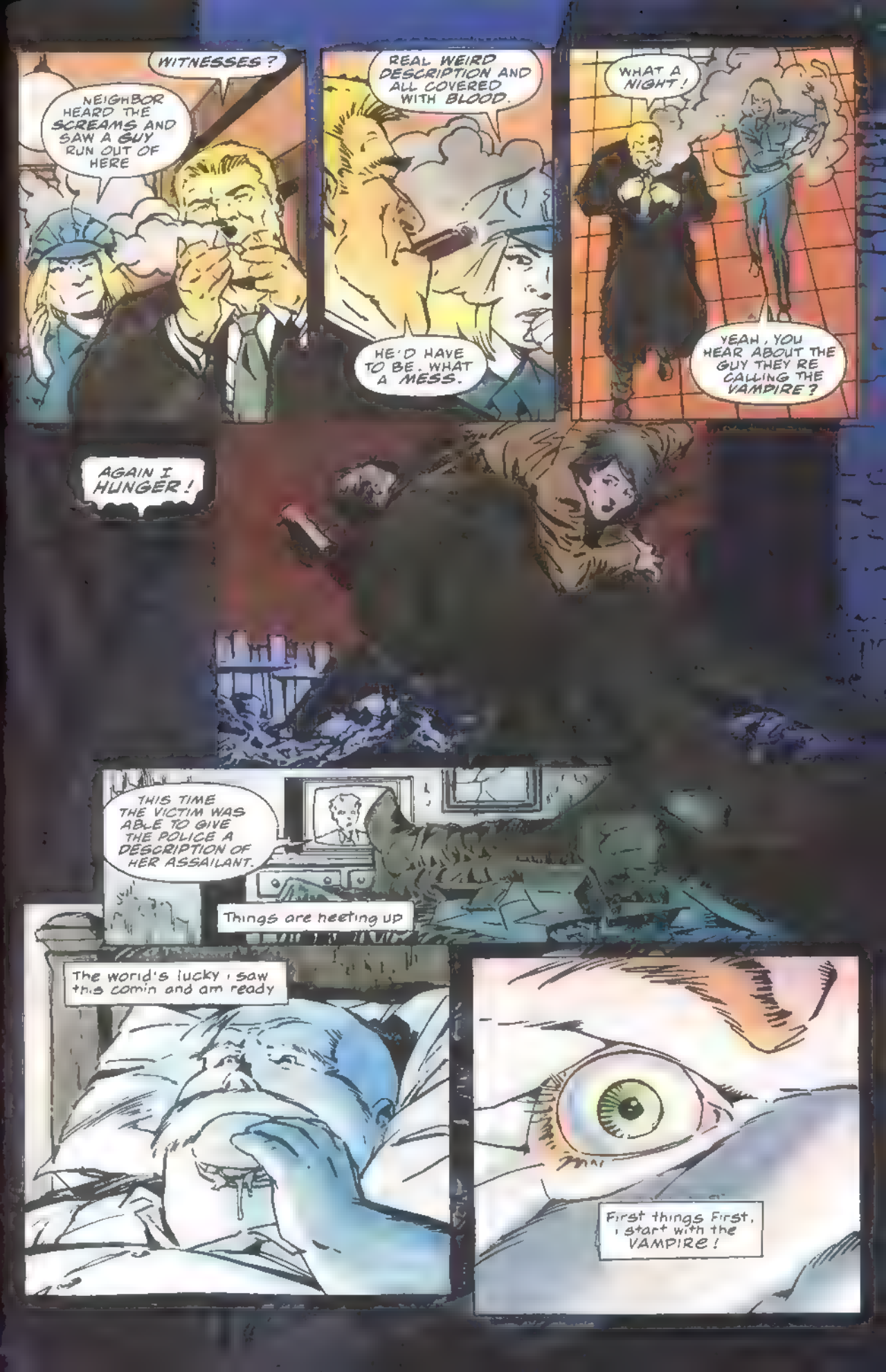
NEIGHBORS SAY HE'S A CERTIFIED HEAD CASE.
ALWAYS IN AND OUT OF MENTAL HOSPITALS. A REAL LITHIUM BABY.
JESUS!
HOW'D HE DO HER?
THAT YOU GOT TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.
WHAT'S THAT STUFFED IN HER MOUTH?
GARLIC

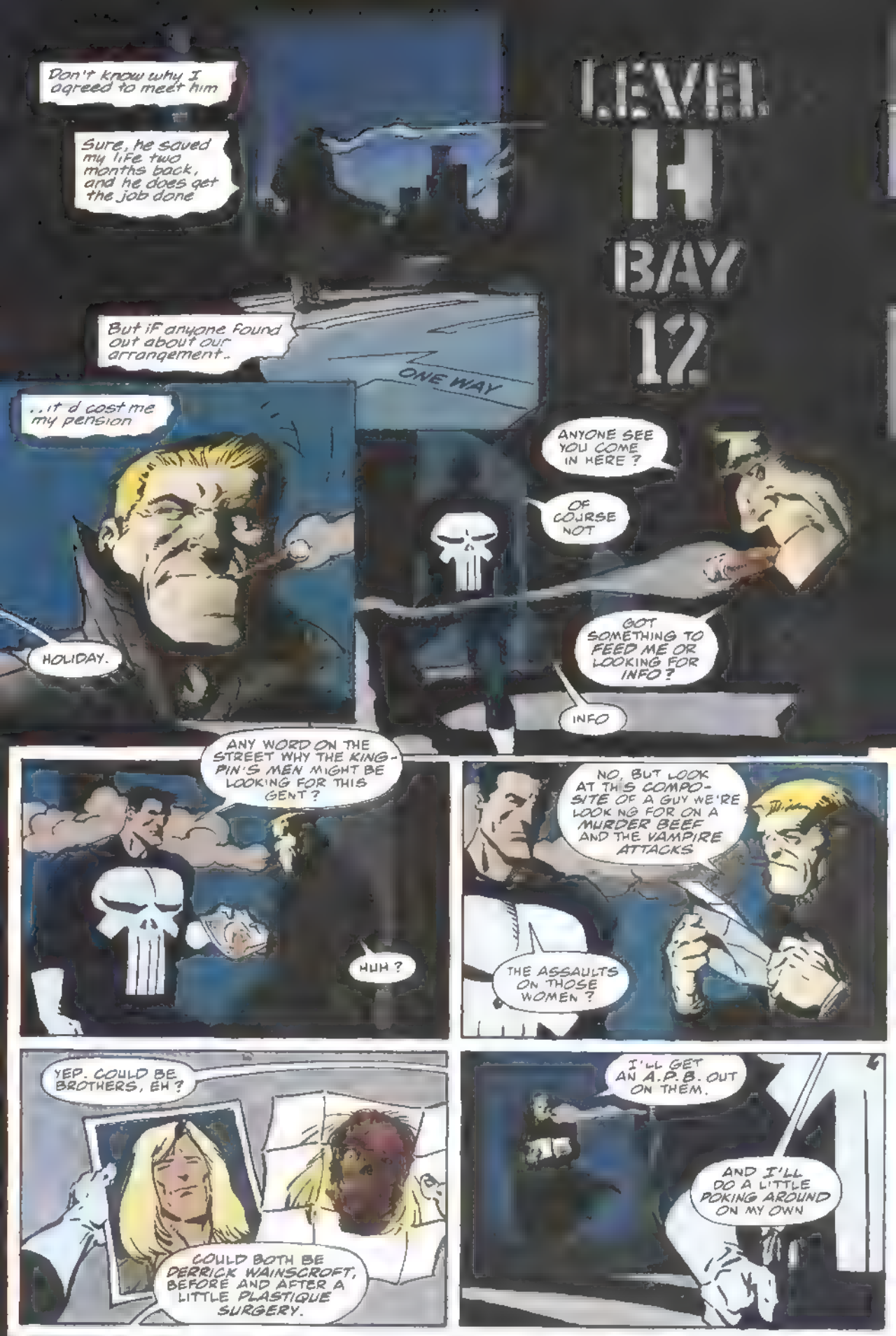
I've waited a long time for Dæmian Wainscroft to come seek my help again
He's grown rich, powerful, and has many influential friends
Having such a man in my department might prove advantageous
HE'LL SEE YOU NOW
HOW MAY I BE OF SERVICE TO YOU, WAINSCROFT?
I'VE A JOB NEEDS DOING. IT PAYS $500,000. INTERESTED?
PERHAPS ELABORATE, PLEASE
I NEED SOMEONE TO FIND AND CAPTURE MY DERANGED AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS SON.
VERY WELL. LEAVE THE PERTINENT DETAILS WITH MY SECRETARY

I DON'T GET IT, BOSS
YOU BRING IN A HALF MILL A WEEK ON YOUR PROSTITUTION OPERATION ALONE.
AND YOU WONDER WHY I ACCEPTED WAINSCROFT'S PALTRY OFFER?
BECAUSE MORE THAN MONEY MAY BE GAINED IN THIS TRANSACTION.
WAINSCROFT IS BIG IN MILITARY RESEARCH.
GENETIC RESEARCH TO BE SPECIFIC, A NEW AND GROWING FIELD
CABINET MEMBERS PERSONALLY ANSWER WAINSCROFT'S PHONE CALLS
WAINSCROFT WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO ME UNLESS HE WERE IN A VERY DELICATE SITUATION
A SITUATION THAT HAS TO BE KEPT OUT OF THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY.
SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES ARE RIPE WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR BLACKMAIL.
HAVING WAINSCROFT UNDER MY THUMB WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR ORGANIZATION
HE COULD BE USED TO LURE EVEN BIGGER FISH INTO OUR NET
BOY, BOSS, YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE.
BUT I ALSO KNOW ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS.
SET THE BOYS TO FINDING WAINSCROFT'S SON

THE BLOOD WILL GIVE US THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.
THE REVOLUTION HAS JUST KICKED INTO HIGH GEAR, MAN
WE'LL START WITH THAT CORPORATE RAIDER, PETER MALCOLM
HE'S CLOSED DOWN DOZENS OF FACTORIES AND COST THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THEIR JOBS...
..ALL TO PAY OFF THE SHORT TERM LOANS NEEDED FOR HIS TAKE-TAKEOVERS.
THE GREEDY BASTARD
HIS INSATIABLE AVARICE HAS CAUSED TONS OF MISERY.
TIME HE GOT REPAID IN KIND
RIGHT, ZONKERS?
RIGHT ON, BRO
Spent the night in Willy's Bar, a dive
It's a great place for picking up leads, alcohol and loose lips
I was just about to call it a night when this mountain of human flesh came lumbering my way
HEY, YOU SEEN THIS GUY?


I recognized the inquisitor.
Have had some dealings with his boss
I also recognized the man he was looking for, but.
STRANGER TO ME, PAL.
Why are the Kingpin's men searching for Derrick Wainscroft?
BEER
WINE
Deke's beginning to look interesting again.
My second homicide of the night took me to Manhattan, a ritzy Park Ave. apartment.
NEVER SEEN NOTHING LIKE THIS ONE, HOLIDAY
FOUND THAT OTHER ARM BACK HERE
THE GUY WAS LITERALLY TORN TO PIECES.
MUST BE THE FULL MOON, OR SOMETHIN'


WITNESSES ?
NEIGHBOR HEARD THE SCREAMS AND SAW A GUY RUN OUT OF HERE
REAL WEIRD DESCRIPTION AND ALL COVERED WITH BLOOD.
HE'D HAVE TO BE. WHAT A MESS.
WHAT A NIGHT !
YEAH, YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GUY THEY RE CALLING THE VAMPIRE ?
AGAIN I HUNGER !
THIS TIME THE VICTIM WAS ABLE TO GIVE THE POLICE A DESCRIPTION OF HER ASSAILANT.
Things are heeting up
The world's lucky i saw this comin and am ready
First things First, i start with the VAMPIRE !


Don't know why I agreed to meet him
Sure, he saved my life two months back, and he does get the job done
But if anyone found out about our arrangement..
..it'd cost me my pension
HOLIDAY.
ONE WAY
LEVEL H BAY 12
ANYONE SEE YOU COME IN HERE?
OF COURSE NOT
GOT SOMETHING TO FEED ME OR LOOKING FOR INFO?
INFO
ANY WORD ON THE STREET WHY THE KING-PIN'S MEN MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR THIS GENT?
HUH?
NO. BUT LOOK AT THIS COMPOSITE OF A GUY WE'RE LOOKING FOR ON A MURDER BEEF AND THE VAMPIRE ATTACKS
THE ASSAULTS ON THOSE WOMEN?
YEP. COULD BE BROTHERS, EH?
COULD BOTH BE DERRICK WAINSCROFT, BEFORE AND AFTER A LITTLE PLASTIQUE SURGERY.
I'LL GET AN A.P.B. OUT ON THEM.
AND I'LL DO A LITTLE POKING AROUND ON MY OWN

My informant within the police department claims Derrick Wainscroft is the prime suspect in the Vampire Assaults
This information will make finding him easier
WE'LL HAVE THE BOYS OUT IN FORCE, COVERING THAT NEIGHBORHOOD TONIGHT, BOSS
EXCELLENT
BUT JUST HOW CRAZY IS YOUNG WAINSCROFT?
WHY A VAMPIRE?
I BEGIN TO WONDER IF WAINSCROFT IS TELLING US THE WHOLE STORY.
FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED
B-RING!
NO, I HAVE NO IDEA HOW HE BECAME DISFIGURED
VAMPIRE ATTACKS? NO, I HADN'T HEARD
CAN'T IMAGINE WHY HE'D FANCY HIMSELF THAT
THOUGH HE DID LIKE MONSTERS AS A CHILD.
YOU KNOW THE TYPE: FRANKENSTEIN, DRACULA, WOLF MAN.
NOW? WHO KNOWS MAYBE DRUGS.
YOU'RE NOT HOLDING OUT ON ME, ARE YOU, WAINSCROFT?
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?

The laser tap works beautifully; hear every word clear as day.
I DON'T KNOW
BUT IT IS NOT A WISE PRACTICE TO INDULGE IN.
TONIGHT, MY MEN WILL BE SCOURING THE NEIGHBORHOOD THE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE IN
GOOD IDEA
Papers say the attacks took place only blocks away from each other
That neighborhood, that's where my hunt starts
About to pack it in for the night when another call comes in for Wainscroft
B-RING!
HELLO?
THIS IS FURY
NICK FURY OF SHIELD?
THE SAME JUST BEEN ASSIGNED TO HANDLING YOU
WE GOT TO TALK. PUT ON YOUR SCRAMBLER
RIGHT AWAY WHAT'S THIS A--
BZZZZZZZZ

What's SHIELD's interest in Wainscroft? He's a bigger player than I figured
Need better intelligence on the man. Have to get Microchip on it right away
BETTY, CAN YOU BRING THE CELLULAR OUT TO ME?
RIGHT AWAY, MR. JEFFERSON
SHOULD HAVE DIVESTED YOUR PORTFOLIO OF ALL THOSE SOUTH AFRICAN STOCKS, LANCE
WHO?
THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE!
AAAIIIEEEEEEEEE!
OH, MY GOD...

WAINSCROFT GOT RICH ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, STUFF FOR THE MILITARY.
WHAT'S HE INTO NOW?
READING BETWEEN THE LINES, IT LOOKS LIKE CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND DNA RESEARCH.
DNA?
WHAT INTEREST DOES THE MILITARY HAVE IN THAT STUFF?
IT JUST STARTED RAINING BODY PARTS.
FOUND OUT THEY CAME FROM THE PENTHOUSE.
WHOSE PLACE?
LANCE JEFFERSON, A STOCK BROKER. IT WAS WAINSCROFT AGAIN.
HE BLED THE MAID BEFORE SPLITTING
Decided to take the high ground
The "Big Ears" mike gave me a good overview of the area
Anything happen in the neighborhood, I'd hear it from the tower

Deke took out 16 people back in the sixties
27 blown away extorting the banks
Now he s changed his M O Tears people apart. 2 killed that way
45 people died because of ol' Deke
Not to mention what he did to those 3 women
T'S GO NG TO BE A REAL PLEASURE TAKING TH'S SICKO OUT
LOOK NG FOR A GOOD T.ME BABY ?
HEY HONEY
WANNA PARTY ?
I SA D
ARRGKK!

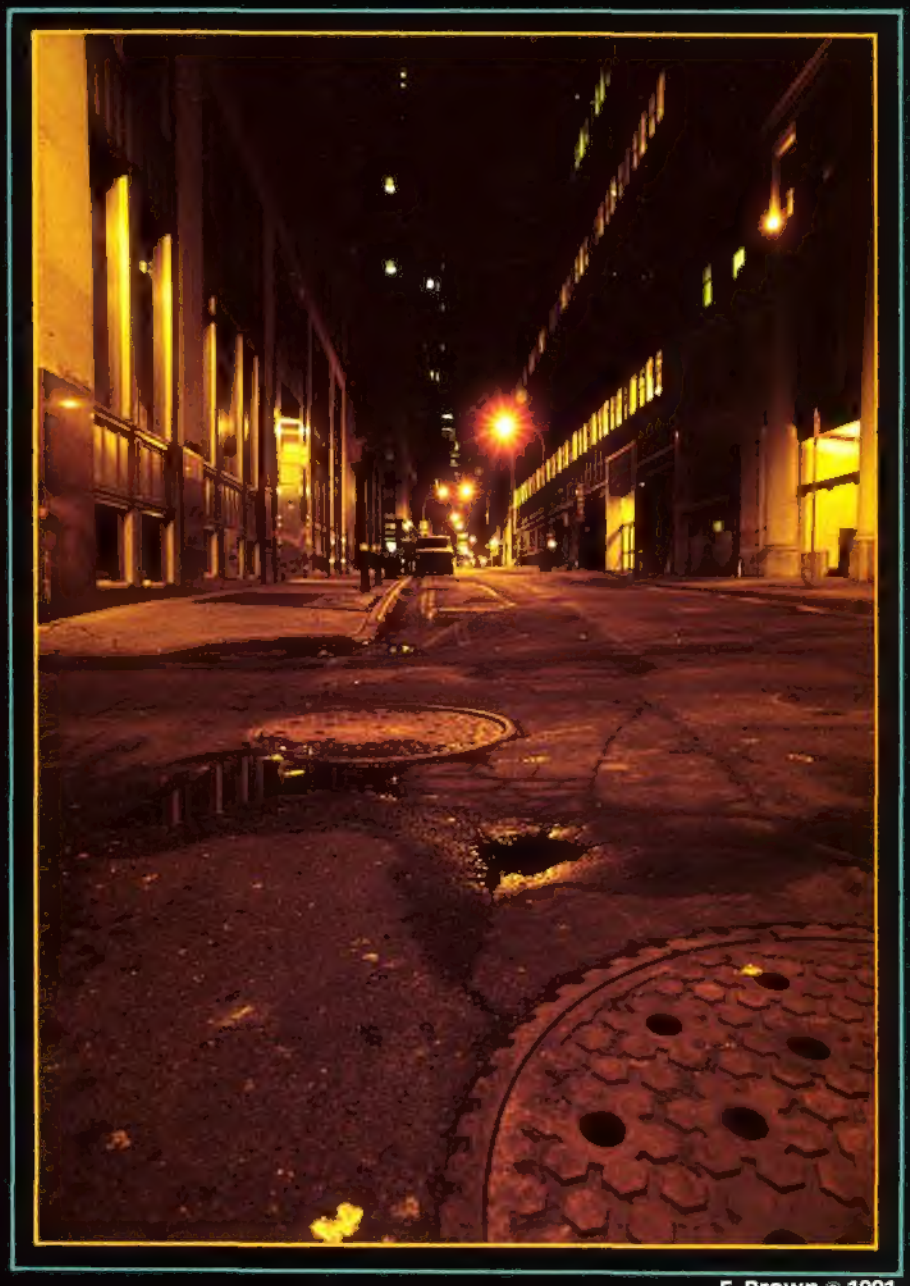
SHUT UP!
WHACHA DOING, MAN?
SOMEBODY HELP ME!
HELP!
I HEAR YOU, GIRL!
JUST HANG IN THERE!
I'M ON THE WAY!

HAS TO HAVE COME FROM SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE!
BUT WHERE?
THE ALLEY!
GOTCHA!
STEP AWAY FROM THE
GOOD WORD!

STEP AWAY FROM HER, WAINSCROFT!
KA-TOW TOW TOW TOW!
WRONG MOVE, SLICK.

The girl checked out okay.
She'd end up with nothing worse than a black eye, a scar on her wrist, and some bad memories.
I didn't hear him coming until it was too late.
Just wasn't expecting any more trouble from that direction.
Bad mistake.
So we'd do it the hard way.
Figured he had to have on some kind of body armor.
My blow should have broken his jaw.
When that didn't do the trick, I gave him a taste of size 12-shoe leather.
All it seemed to do was piss him off.

It was like trying to stop a runaway train with your bare hands.
I was on my can before I knew what hit me.
Then I suddenly realized that if I didn't get my act together real quick, I was going to be real dead.
Trouble was, though, I couldn't get my head to come up with anything clever, or even passable.
The brain needs oxygen to work properly and mine wasn't getting any.
And there was nothing I could do about it.



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